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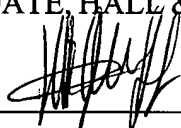
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REMARK RE: CONCURRENT FILING OF CONTINUATION APPLICATION

The Petition for a 5-month extension of time filed herewith is being submitted to ensure co-pendency between the above-identified Application and a Continuation Application which is being filed concurrently (Express Mail No.: EV 314104114 US).

Applicant respectfully submits that Abandonment of the present Application in favor of that Continuation Application **does not** represent any desire on the part of Applicant to abandon any portion of the subject matter of the present application, nor is it to be construed to be in acquiescence to any positions taken by the Examiner in the present application. The Continuation Application is being filed in order to expedite prosecution of a portion of Applicant's invention of particular current interest, and is not meant to impact Applicant's right to pursue the claims or subject matter which may have been cancelled in the Continuation Application. Applicant explicitly reserves the right to pursue claims to some or all of the subject matter originally filed in the present Application in additional Continuation applications.

Respectfully submitted,
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